

immediately come back because this is an example of what could happen. And if I joined in with Senator Pirsch and I'm undecided about whether I should support this or not, it seems like a very good thing but I understand it might be just a Governor's recommendation and I don't care about that especially because I still feel that what happened last night and the night before is something that we seriously have to talk about. I was on a couple TV stations and said that, hopefully, in January we can change the rules so something that occurred last night, especially with Senator Bernard-Stevens going up and putting amendment after amendment on no good reason whatsoever to reconsider a vote and then to put up a bracket motion, he could do that all night long for 365 days of the year and, hopefully, all summer long before January 1st of next year I will be reminding the senators that sat here two nights in a row till almost midnight that that could easily happen again. We have to come up with a system to not only give the Speaker some authority to rule someone out of order and then forever go on with a bill, vote it up or down after a certain length of time, because this could easily happen on this bill or on a bill that Senator Bernard-Stevens may have that he is very, very interested in. And, as I said before, both of them are very capable and qualified to keep you here overnight into the next day's session if they so choose. And if it doesn't pass next year, we will be going through the same thing again. I'm not speaking on the bill or what Senator Pirsch is trying to do but, after all, nobody did yesterday either when they had a motion to reconsider or...any type of motion that went up there. They got their 15 minutes in that they were allowed, their 10 minutes for opening and five minutes for closing and were able to hold us up until close to midnight. So I'm just standing here now reminding you and I will continue to do that, that we have to remember this come January that we cannot go through this ever, ever again, especially when you have 30 co-sponsors of a bill and at least 32 or 34 other...including two or three others that were not on the bill that said that they would vote for the bill. That was an awful lot of support and I hope the people of Nebraska realize the hard work that those senators put in by staying here. Many of you were tired. You were ill and you had bad colds and wanted to go home. I asked you not to and you stayed and I want to take this opportunity now to thank each and everyone of you that stayed with me all through the evening and never deviated once until it was time to go home and I certainly would not object to you voting to adjourn at that time, although I still voted no. So I hope that we will all remember this next